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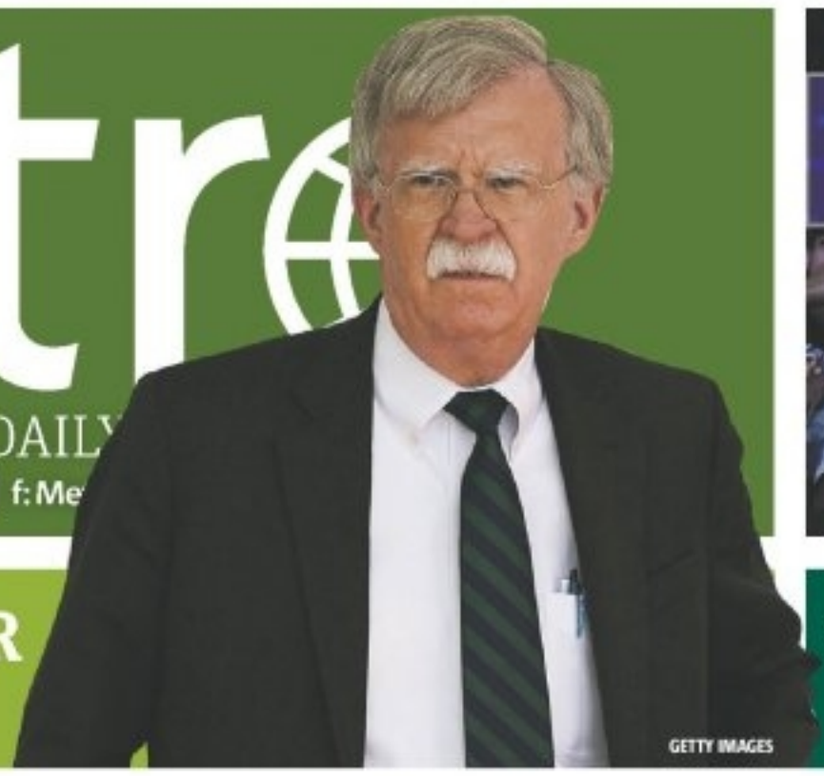
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Deadly synagogue shooting suspect in California linked to mosque arson

One woman was killed and three people injured in Saturday's shooting.

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A 19-year-old man who authorities said gave himself up to police shortly after carrying out a deadly shooting in a Southern California synagogue filled with Sabbath worshippers is also under investigation in connection with an unsolved mosque arson.

The gunman walked into the suburban San Diego synagogue late Saturday morning, the last day of the weeklong Jewish holiday of Passover, and opened fire with an assault-style rifle, killing one woman inside and wounding three others, including the rabbi, authorities said.

He then sped away in a car, escaping an off-duty U.S. Border Patrol agent who shot at the getaway vehicle but missed the suspect. The suspect pulled over and surrendered to police officers a short time later.

The suspect was later identified as John Earnest, 19, of San Diego, the apparent author of a "manifesto" who claimed to have set a nearby mosque on fire last month and professed drawing inspiration from the gunman who killed nearly 50 at two mosques in New Zealand.

San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore said police and the FBI were investigating Earnest's "possible involvement" in the March 24 pre-dawn arson fire at the Islamic Center of Escondido, about 15 miles north of Poway. No one was hurt at the mosque fire.

Gore said Earnest has no prior criminal record.

Saturday's gun violence at the Congregation Chabad temple in the town of Poway, California, about 23 miles north of downtown San Diego, unfolded six months to the day after 11 worshippers were killed and six others wounded by a gunman who stormed the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh yelling, "All Jews must die."

The assailant in that massacre, said to be the deadliest attack ever against Jews on U.S. soil, was also arrested.

San Diego County Sheriff's Department officials said in a statement the gunman in Saturday's attack was believed to have acted alone and that there "are no known threats to religious gatherings."

But the Passover violence came amid an upsurge in reports of anti-Semitism nationwide and abroad and followed a recent spate of deadly attacks on places of worship around the world.

Suicide bombings during Easter services at several churches in Sri Lanka killed more than 250 people. A gunman who opened fire at two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, on March 15 left 49 people dead and more than 40 wounded, some as they knelt in prayer.

Poway Mayor Steve Vaus characterized Saturday's shooting as a "hate crime," saying his assessment was based on statements uttered by the gunman when he entered the synagogue.

At a news conference later, Gore told reporters: "Clearly it's being investigated as a homicide, but we're also looking at the hate crime possible violation as well as federal civil rights violations."

A rambling, violently anti-Semitic, anti-Muslim screed written by an individual calling himself John Earnest was found posted to the online text-storage site Pastebin.com and the file-storage site Mediafire.com. Links to the content on both sources were posted on the Internet message board 8chan.

In that letter, the author also claimed credit for the Escondido mosque arson, which was put out by congregants inside who were alerted by the smell of smoke. Local media at the time reported that a message scrawled on the driveway of the mosque mentioned the New Zealand massacre.

The synagogue on Saturday was hosting a holiday celebration due to culminate in a final Passover meal that evening. Authorities said about 100 people were inside the temple. Eyewitnesses reported hearing about a dozen gunshots, punctuated by the sound of a man yelling inside the temple.

Gore told reporters that four people were struck by gunfire and taken to a nearby hospital, where one victim, an "older woman," died. Authorities said the rabbi underwent surgery for treatment of wounds to his hands. The sheriff's office said the two other victims, a 34-year-old man and a girl, were each struck by shrapnel but were "doing well." REUTERS

Gunmen kidnap foreign oil workers from Nigerian rig

2 Gunmen kidnapped three oil workers from Canada, Scotland and Nigeria at a rig in Nigeria's Delta region on Saturday, officials said — the second abduction in the area in less than a week. The attackers raided the rig owned by Niger Delta Petroleum Resources in Ogbele, Rivers State at around 8 a.m. (0700 GMT), the spokesman for the area's military operations, Major Ibrahim Abubakar, said. Troops were searching surrounding swamps, he added. State police said they had stepped up security on an east-west road where armed men had attacked civilians in recent weeks. The Niger Delta produces the bulk of Nigeria's crude. It has been plagued by criminal gangs and by armed groups demanding a greater share of oil revenues for the region. On Thursday, two Royal Dutch Shell oil workers were kidnapped and their police escorts killed in Rivers State while returning from a trip. REUTERS

Former US Sen. Richard Lugar dies at age 87

3 Centrist Republican Richard Lugar, a soft-spoken foreign policy powerhouse who championed nuclear nonproliferation during 36 years in the U.S. Senate, died on Sunday at age 87. The Lugar Center, a Washington-based nonprofit, said in a statement that he died peacefully at the Inova Fairfax Heart and Vascular Institute in Virginia due to complications from CIDP, a chronic neurological disorder. Lugar, a professorial Midwesterner known for his keen intellect and mild demeanor, served as mayor of Indianapolis from 1968 to 1975 before his long stint in the Senate from 1977 to 2013. He was the longest-serving senator ever from Indiana. Lugar was an influential Republican voice on foreign policy. A former Rhodes scholar and an avid runner into his 70s, he served as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and also headed the Agriculture Committee. REUTERS

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World turns out for record 'Avengers: Endgame' movie debut

The previous box office record was set last year by "Avengers: Infinity War."

Fans around the globe packed movie theaters for the debut of "Avengers: Endgame" over the weekend, pushing total ticket sales for the Walt Disney superhero spectacle to a stunning $1.2 billion and crushing records in dozens of countries.

"Endgame" generated an unprecedented $350 million in the United States and Canada from Thursday night through Sunday, according to Disney estimates. The three-hour action spectacle that revealed the fates of Iron Man, Thor and other popular comic-book heroes also made history in China, Brazil, France, Egypt, South Africa and 38 other markets.

In China, the world's second-largest movie market, "Endgame" collected $330.5 million since its debut on Wednesday.

The historic weekend helps put Disney on course for what analysts say looks like an unparalleled year. The company is set to release "The Lion King," "Toy Story 4" and several other potential blockbusters in the coming months.

"Endgame" is unique because it is the culmination of a story told in 22 Marvel Studios films that have drawn crowds to cinemas for a decade.

Audiences "have proven over and over again that they care about these characters," said Cathleen Taff, Disney's head of theatrical distribution. "I think they wanted to see how this epic story resolves itself."

"Endgame" stars Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Scarlett Johansson and others as a group of superheroes battling the villain Thanos, played by Josh Brolin.

Just days ago, the movie industry was divided on whether "Endgame" had a shot at hitting $300 million in the domestic market. The movie blew past that level and landed far above the previous record of $257.7 million set a year ago by "Avengers: Infinity War."

That film ended with a cliffhanger in which many heroes appeared to turn to dust, stoking anticipation for "Endgame."

To meet demand, theaters added showtimes and sold out shows at odd hours such as 7 a.m. AMC Entertainment, operators of the world's largest theater chain, kept some locations open for 72 hours straight to keep running "Endgame."

Even the lofty estimates from box office prognosticators proved too low.

"What we didn't count on is that fans would show up happily at three in the morning for a three-hour movie," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at measurement company Comscore. "We are in completely uncharted territory here."

"Endgame" proved to be a global cultural phenomenon.

A sign at a London subway station urged riders not to talk about the movie's plot so they would not spoil it for others, according to a photo posted on Twitter by Disney Chief Executive Bob Iger.

Some fans in China paid more than 500 yuan, or $74.14, for "Endgame" tickets on the gray market, far more than the average 60 yuan average price at cinemas nationwide.

In Hollywood, Susan Macias, 44, watched all 22 Marvel films at the historic El Capitan Theatre in a sold-out marathon that concluded with "Endgame."

"It was well worth the three days of being in there," Macias said afterward. "I'm just full of emotions." REUTERS

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Free Brain Health Fair Coming to Philly May 9

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Ever think you'd get the chance to hold a human brain in your hands? The American Academy of Neurology (AAN) is hosting its annual Brain Health Fair in Philadelphia this year, giving local residents the chance to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the many wonders of the brain.

The fair is part of the AAN's Annual Meeting, which takes place in a different city each year. As the world's largest association of neurologists and neuroscientists, the organization hosts the Brain Health Fair as a way of giving back and saying thank you to the community. The free educational event is open to the public and appeals to anyone who's fascinated with the inner workings of the brain and interested in learning about the latest brain science research. The event is for patients, caregivers, students, and local members of the community who are looking for a fun, out-of-the-box way to spend the day.

"This is an opportunity for Philadelphia residents to learn from some of the best and brightest neurologists in the world who will share the latest advances in the prevention and treatment of brain diseases and the many ways for people to maintain a healthy brain, as well as for students to learn more about the brain through educational and interactive activities," says Brenda Banwell, M.D., chief of child neurology and professor of neurology and pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

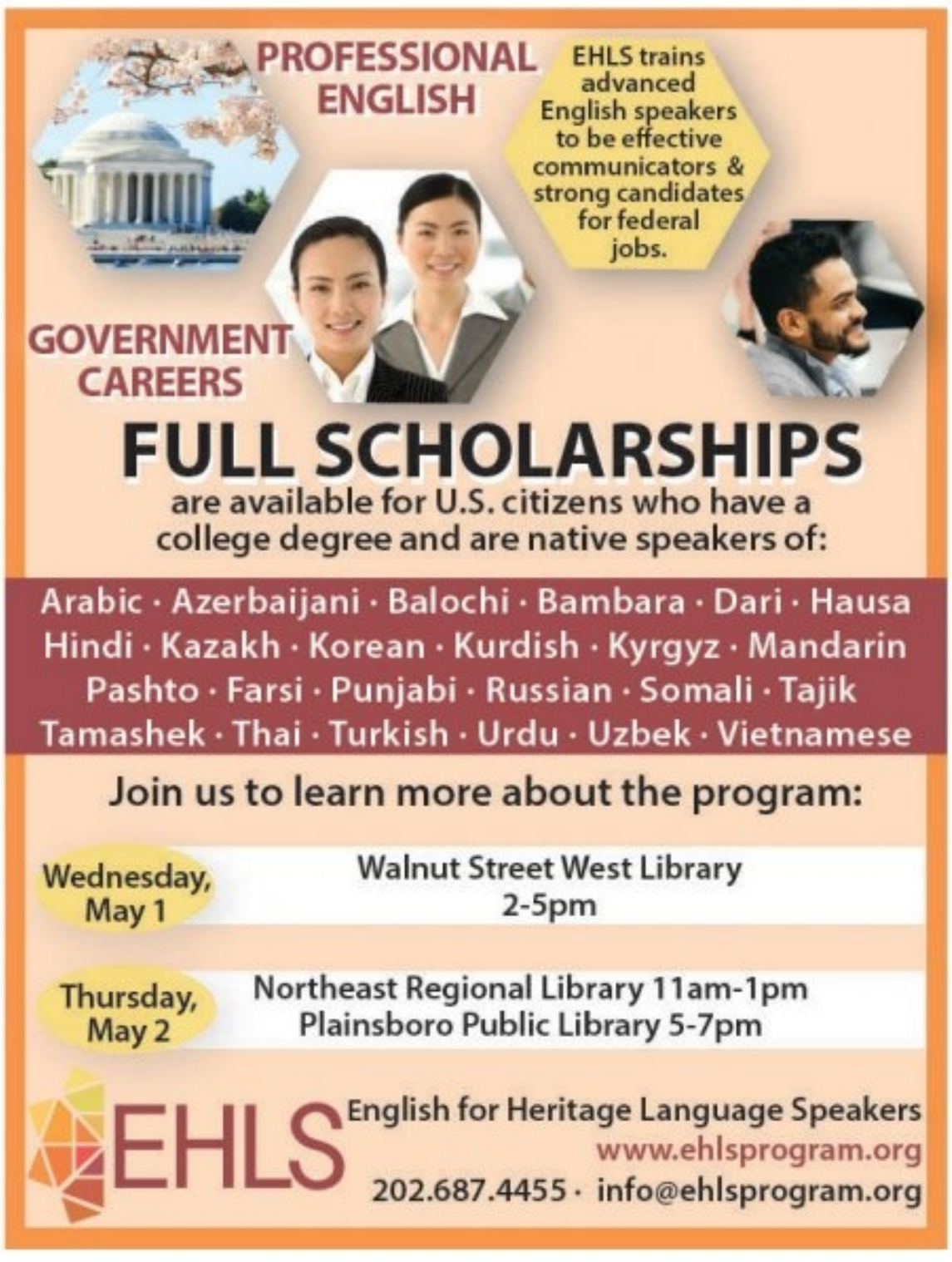
The Brain Health Fair is very much a hands-on event, inviting folks to enjoy a wide range of interactive experiences, including the opportunity to settle into a dazzling virtual world known as the BrainDome. Attendees can take a 10-minute audio-visual expedition exploring the power, awe and mystery that is the human brain.

Guests will also get the chance to connect with some of the world's best and brightest neurologists. The "Ask a Neurologist" booths invite attendees to chat up specialists about a variety of neurologic conditions like Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis (MS), autism, concussion, epilepsy and more. After that, they can participate in the Brain Health Fair's wheelchair obstacle course. The activity features everyday challenges that many wheelchair-bound people encounter on a daily basis. The goal? To foster a culture of empathy and compassion for those with neurologic conditions. On a similar note, the fair will also feature a home modification experience where guests can put on special glasses to give them an idea of what it's like to have MS.

Those who swing by the Brain Health Fair are in for an educational and entertaining treat, complete with the opportunity to hold an actual human brain. What's more, the AAN will also have a real-life display of a brain that has been affected by Alzheimer's disease. Witnessing the effects of Alzheimer's disease firsthand like this is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

In addition, guests will get the chance to visit the Capitol Health Mobile Stroke Unit, interact with service dogs, and snag a free bike helmet and other free resources. The day will be punctuated by powerful personal stories around brain health. ABC news anchor Gary Hall will be on hand to share his brush with a colloid-cyst on his brain. Susan Schneider Williams, widow of the beloved comedian Robin Williams, will also be there to present an exciting installation called "Life Found Through Art." All of the fair's presentations and resources will be available in English and Spanish.

Philadelphia is proud and excited to play host to this year's Brain Health Fair—so much so that Mayor James F. Kenney has declared May 9, 2019 Brain Health Awareness Day in the city. The fair will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center on May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free by signing up at *BrainHealthFair.org*.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Regional Rail riders tap their SEPTA Keys. SEPTA Key is expanding to the railroad's Zones 1 and 2 on May 1.

SEPTA Key finally expands across Regional Rail

SEPTA Key, the paperless transit system, reaches the last chunks of the Regional Rail on Wednesday.

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It has been a long, slow, deliberate rollout — designed to not shock SEPTA riders with any sudden changes — but SEPTA Key is finally fully here, with the last two zones of Regional Rail stations accepting the Key beginning Wednesday.

May 1 marks the day that Regional Rail riders in Zones 1 and 2 will get to start using their Key to buy fare products, including single rides, weeklies and monthlies. SEPTA conductors will be toting card readers to scan passenger's Keys as they ride the rails.

If you ride SEPTA, at this point, after two years, you probably already use Key. But SEPTA knows it will still be a change for some riders used to paper tickets.

"It's firmly implanted on the city transit side; on the railroad, we're still in a rollout phase," said Leslie Hickman, SEPTA's chief officer for revenue operations. "It's a shifting of that paradigm of how I ride, how I've ridden for 50 years. The time to change is now."

SEPTA Key first went into service with its early-adopter program in June 2016. Sales of Keys to the public began in February 2017. Now, more than two years later, bus and trolley riders, passengers on the Market-Frankford and Broad Street lines, and riders to Zones 3 and 4 are all already using the Key, SEPTA's innovative chip-card paperless system for fare payment.

As of April 2019, 1.1 million SEPTA Key cards were in circulation. So far there have been 300 million rides using the SEPTA Key, and some 10 million Keys have been reloaded.

"The railroad is the largest of the culture changes," Hickman said. "Zones 2 and 3 are our heaviest zones with the largest ridership, with 3 [being] higher than 2."

SEPTA has been rolling out their new paperless fare system slowly and deliberately over the last three years with a combination of passenger education programs and more subtle devices. To gradually accommodate Regional Rail riders to the new system, SEPTA Key turnstiles were put in place at the main stations months ago.

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Then passengers were asked to start entering through the turnstiles and presenting their tickets there.

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> Leslie Hickman, SEPTA's chief officer for revenue operations

Now, Zone 1 and 2 riders will officially be using the turnstiles, tapping their Key cards to "wake up" the Key for the ride. Cards get scanned onboard by conductors, and then riders tap their Keys once more to end the ride as they exit the system. SEPTA staff will be on hand to explain the new system to any bewildered riders.

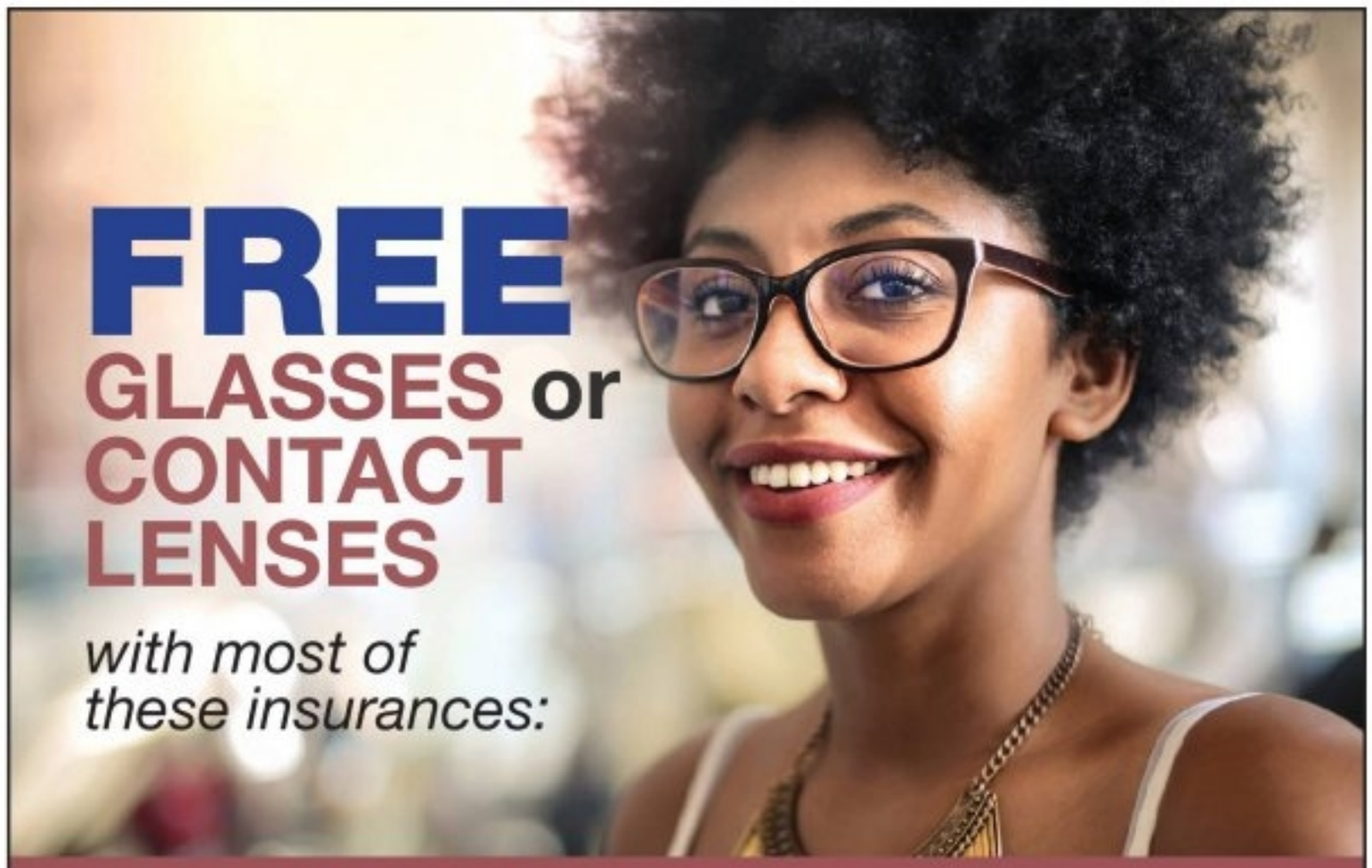
Hickman noted that there are still a few Key-related changes left to go. SEPTA is still negotiating its corporate program for businesses to buy their employees Keys using pre-tax dollars. SEPTA's CCT Connect paratransit service isn't on the Key yet. And paper fares are still accepted aboard Regional Rail trains, so you're not required to have a Key just yet.

"It won't be mandatory in May, but eventually, just like on the city side, it will be mandatory. But not for the foreseeable future," she said. "Eventually, if you don't move to Key, you'll have to pay cash."

Hickman added that SEPTA is listening closely to customer complaints and issues as they arise and trying to address all complaints with the Key system. But in the long run, they expect to save money, reduce paper waste and give passengers a more efficient ride.

"We want them to understand the system and be happy that they made the move to the SEPTA Key," Hickman said. "If I'm traveling down from Doylestown and I want to go to a Phillies game, I just need one thing, my Key card. We want them to see the Key is the right choice to have that seamless transportation."

To purchase and reload your SEPTA Key, visit beta.septakey.org. For general information, visit septa.org/key.



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Philly Uber, Lyft drivers join nationwide protest as rideshares go public

Uber and Lyft will be traded on Wall Street as of May 8.

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Uber drivers in Philadelphia are planning to go on strike, joining six other cities in a planned protest over poor working conditions and low pay.

Uber will make its debut on Wall Street on May 8. On noon of opening day, drivers in Philly, Los Angeles, D.C., San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego and Minneapolis will turn off the rideshare app for 12 hours, according to the BBC.

The activist group Gig Workers Rising is spearheading the protest, stating "Uber and Lyft are about to launch IPOs, which will put billions in the pockets of executives. But what will drivers get?"

On average, Uber drivers make $8.55 per hour in the U.S., which is $1.30 more than the national average. Pennsylvania's minimum wage is $7.25. Experts expect Uber and Lyft will be worth tens of billions, according to the BBC.

The drivers involved in the protests have four demands:

Living wage: Uber and Lyft must pay drivers a livable hourly rate (after expenses).

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> **Shona Clarkson, Gig Workers Rising organizer**

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"Uber's much-anticipated IPO will put millions into the pockets of executives, but the drivers who are the core of the service of the company will get nothing," Gig Workers Rising organizer Shona Clarkson told The Guardian. "Uber is paying drivers poverty wages and continues to slash wages while executives make millions."

Gig Workers Rising represents about 4,000 drivers working catch-as-catch-can jobs with companies like Sittercity, Care.com, Uber or Lyft, TaskRabbit or Handy, DoorDash, Instacart or GrubHub.

"Uber and Lyft exclude rideshare drivers from basic worker protections. Without these protections, drivers face low wages and labor abuses," Gig Workers Rising posted. "They have no way to organize and are denied crucial benefits like health insurance, disability, overtime or workers' comp."

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Former US deputy attorney general: If Trump were not president, he would be indicted

Sally Yates spoke Sunday on "Meet the Press."

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Former top Justice Department official Sally Yates said on Sunday that if Donald Trump were not president, he would have been indicted on obstruction charges in Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

Yates, a career federal prosecutor who rose to acting attorney general before Trump fired her in 2017 fewer than two weeks into his presidency, told NBC's "Meet the Press" the Republican president was shielded by department guidelines that a sitting president should not be indicted.

"I've personally prosecuted obstruction cases on far, far less evidence than this," Yates said. "And yes, I believe, if he were not the president of the United States, he would likely be indicted on obstruction."

Mueller's report, redacted for classified and other sensitive information, detailed a series of actions by Trump to impede the investigation. It did not make a conclusion on whether those actions constituted the crime of obstruction, but said the findings did not exonerate him.

The report cited attempts by Trump to thwart the Mueller investigation, as well as the president telling Russian officials he had faced "great pressure" from the probe but that it had been eased after he fired FBI Director James Comey.

Yates told NBC there was a larger question raised by the report, which she said painted a "devastating portrait" of a campaign that welcomed Russian intervention, lied about it and then tried to cover it up.

"Is this the kind of conduct that we should expect from the president of the United States?" she said. "I mean, when the Russians came knocking at their door, you would expect that a man who likes to make a show of hugging the flag would've done the patriotic thing and would've notified law enforcement."

Yates was fired by Trump after she took the extraordinarily rare step of defying the White House and refused to defend new travel restrictions targeting seven Muslim-majority nations.

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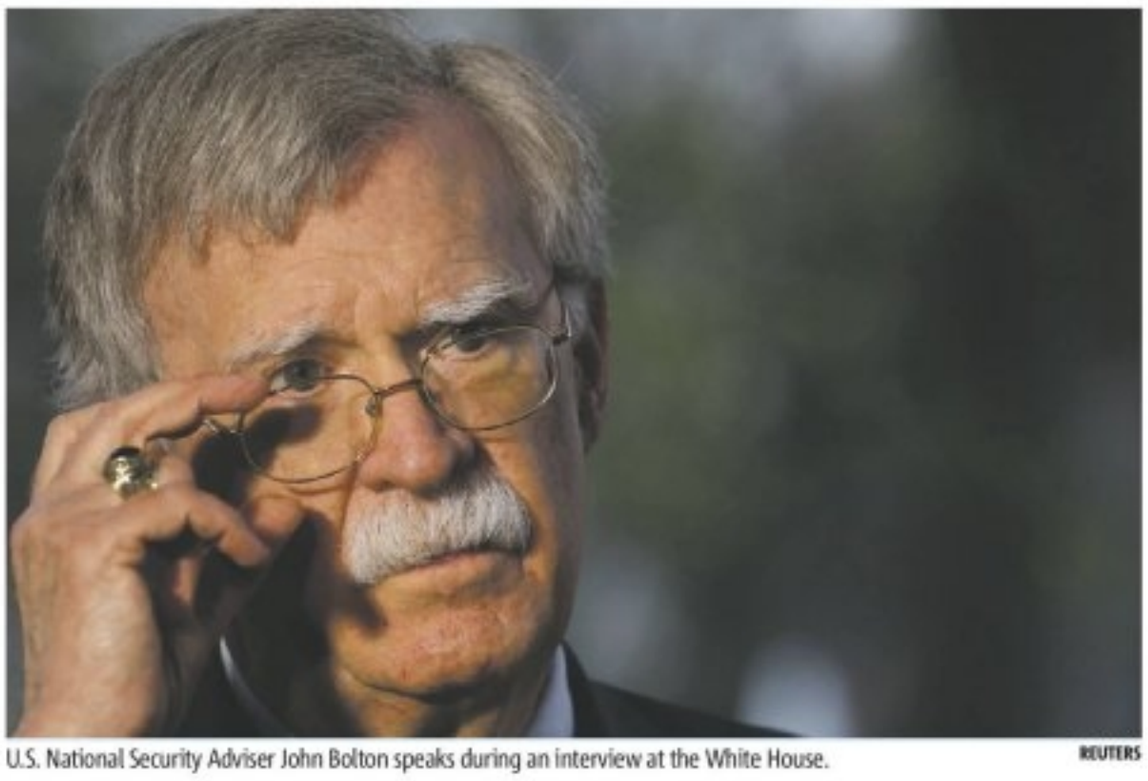
The national security adviser spoke on "Fox News Sunday."



U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton speaks during an interview at the White House. REUTERS

The United States signed a document agreeing to pay North Korea for the care of American Otto Warmbier but never paid the $2 million Pyongyang demanded, White House national security adviser John Bolton said on Sunday.

Bolton, who said he was not part of the administration at the time, confirmed newspaper reports that North Korea demanded the money before Warmbier was flown out of Pyongyang in a coma on June 13, 2017.

Asked whether U.S. envoy Joseph Yun signed the document when he went to retrieve Warmbier, Bolton told "Fox News Sunday" in an interview: "That is what I am told, yes."

He said no payment was made. "It is very clear to me from my looking into it in the past few days that nobody was paid. That is clear," Bolton said.

Warmbier, a University of Virginia student visiting North Korea, was imprisoned in January 2016. North Korea state media said he was sentenced to 15 years hard labor for trying to steal an item bearing a propaganda slogan from his hotel.

Bolton said Trump was ready to meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong-un for a third summit to reach a deal for Pyongyang to give up its nuclear weapons.

The second summit in Vietnam collapsed without an agreement after Trump and Kim failed to agree on the extent of economic sanctions relief for North Korea in exchange for giving up its nuclear program.

During the meeting, Trump demanded full denuclearization, including the transfer of Pyongyang's nuclear weapons and bomb fuel to the United States.

"He still looks for the possibility of a third summit with Kim. He feels pretty strongly about it," Bolton said, rejecting a return to six-party talks to persuade Pyongyang to shut its nuclear program.

The six-party format, which included Russia, China, Japan and South Korea, as well as the United States and North Korea, has been sidelined by unilateral U.S. efforts to broker a deal.

"The six-party approach failed in the past. That doesn't mean we don't consult" with other countries, Bolton added. "Kim Jong-un has wanted the one-on-one contact with the United States, which is what he has gotten."

Kim met with Russian President Vladimir Putin for their first face-to-face talks on Thursday.

"I think both Russia and China could tighten up their enforcement of the sanctions," said Bolton, "I think they have been pretty good about it in recent months, but I think they could always tighten up." REUTERS

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Taurus Don't make a change based on hearsay. If someone makes you an offer, get it in writing. If you rethink the way you handle money, you'll discover a way to lower your overhead.

Gemini Keep your distance from anyone looking for an argument. Keep an eye out for opportunities that will allow you to use your talents and skills. Romance will improve a relationship.

Cancer Don't take anything or anyone for granted. If you want something done, do it yourself without overspending. Aim for stability and greater security, not for uncertainty.

Leo Change doesn't always bring the happiness you are looking for. Before you alter your life personally or professionally, consider the consequences of your actions.

Virgo You'll be torn between what you want to do and what you should do. Stick to facts and avoid temptation. Do what you know is right.

Libra The best way to overcome personal problems or handle interactions with a difficult person in your life is to offer incentives. Once you take care of your responsibilities, do something you enjoy.

Scorpio You'll have plenty of options, ideas and support, so don't hesitate to follow your heart, chase your dreams and fulfill your destiny. An offer shouldn't cost you emotionally or financially.

Sagittarius Problems will develop if you let someone meddle in your personal affairs. Don't mix business with pleasure or allow friends or relatives to interfere in your love life.

Capricorn Don't share your thoughts, feelings or plans with anyone. Make adjustments at home that will contribute to your comfort. Be honest when dealing with tax, legal and health issues.

Aquarius Let your experience guide you to make the right choice. Getting together with an old friend or attending a reunion will lead to mixed emotions. Personal improvements and health should be priority.

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"Air Play" will be performing at the Annenberg Center's Children's Festival FLORENCE MONTMARE/ THE ANNENBERG CENTER

Looking for some fun and unique things to do in Philly this week? We've got you covered. Here are five things to do in Philly this week.

Mind of a Wino: Wine Dining with Brian Freedman at Libertine

This Center City hot spot already has an impressive rotating list of wines on their menu, but this Wednesday they are teaming up with Philly-based writer and wine and spirits expert Brian Freedman for a delicious multi-course wine dinner. Freedman has spent years traveling the world tasting various wines and sampling some of the most unique bottles, and now he is bringing back some of his favorites for the City of Brotherly Love to try. The bottles Freedman has chosen to be poured for the May 1 event include a Balfour English Sparkling (NV), Gaudo al Tasso (Italy), Auntsfield Chardonnay (New Zealand), Coudoulet de Beaucastel Blanc (France), Erath Pinot Noir (Oregon), Cain Cuvee Cab Blend (Napa Valley, CA) and Les Cadrans de Lassegue (France). Each decadent wine will be paired with an indulgent dish made by Libertine's Chef Derek Davis. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

May 1, 6-9 p.m., Libertine, 261 S. 13th St., $69, libertinephilly.com

Annenberg Center's Children's Festival

The Annenberg's 34th annual Philadelphia Children's Festival kicks off this week and will feature three days full of family entertainment, hands-on activities, delicious food and much more. According to the release, daily stage performances include the magical circus-style adventures of "Air Play," Trusty Sidekick Theater Company's playful, multimedia production "Shadow Play," Pennsylvania Ballet II's beloved "Prince Charming," the Mexican folk and Cumbia kindie music favorite Moona Luna, the slapstick antics of SMIRK and more. Activities will include fun happenings from The Clay Studio, the Fabric Workshop and Museum, Fleisher Art Memorial, FringeArts, Koresh Dance Company, Mister John's Music and much more. There will also be face painting, balloon creations, roving performers, food trucks and special guests.

May 2-4, times vary, The Annenberg Center, 3680 Walnut St., prices vary, annenbergcenter.org

Marvel Cinematic Movie Trivia

Everyone has Marvel on their mind with the latest "Avengers" movie premiere last weekend. Now, test your knowledge of all things super from Captain America to Groot. There will be five rounds of unique and challenging trivia questions, all aimed to test your memory and truly stump even the biggest Marvel fan. You can reserve your table on Eventbrite. The best way to ensure your team has a spot is by assigning one captain and having them acquire the tickets (no purchase necessary, just need to reserve spots). While at Goose Island, be sure to check out some of their refreshing beer and delicious food, including their bacon-wrapped

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"I had been a member of the chamber of commerce for a few years and saw that the opportunity was advertised. Someone in the chamber suggested I look into it. I applied and I got in," says Coleman.

Coleman founded The Tactile Group, a software development agency serving primarily federal and municipal clients. "We build cloud-based applications primarily around data collection and data visualization but we also do some pretty complex marketing websites, including the city of Philadelphia's Amazon HQ2 website. We're also personally doing the city of Philadelphia's international airport website."

CEO Access matched Coleman up with Anne Ewers, president and CEO of the Kimmel Center. "It was a large-business-to-small-business mentoring kind of thing. Anne was able to help me with specific issues I was having in my company. She gave me advice on HR issues and she opened up my hard network to me. She asked me who on her board I would like to meet and she fostered an introduction. I also learned just by dealing with her and being in the room with her. A lot more confidence just from being around CEOs like that," says Coleman.

By being linked up with Ewers through the program, Coleman was able to placate problems The Tactile

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Group had and also see his business from a different perspective. "The best thing about it, for me, was I could talk to somebody who runs a very large organization about their thoughts on problems I was having with my small business and they were very applicable. She also helped me to be divorced from some of these decisions that are very personal with a small business. When you're larger, I think it's easier to maybe take a step back from the emotional part of running a business and she helped me do that."

Ofo Ezeugwu also benefited greatly from the program. "A friend of mine recommended it about two years ago," Ezeugwu says.

Ezeugwu is the cofounder of Whose Your Landlord, an informative platform that educates communities on what to expect from a landlord before you sign your lease. "Whose Your Landlord is a platform that's all about empowering and informing different communities. We do that through writing landlord reviews, housing literacy content and also engaging in analysis tools for landlords, property managers and developers. I think one of the biggest things for us is to make sure that we are creating transparency in the marketplace from the residential side. The program works well because everybody has to live somewhere so now anybody can cite credible info when talking about this kind of stuff."

The young entrepreneur was matched with Tim Reeves, principal at Allen & Gerritsen. "Tim has a very strong background in PR and brand management. It was really great getting his insight," says Ezeugwu. "The biggest thing I learned was for any business you need to have a strong network to be successful. One of the coolest things about the program was it has all kinds of business CEOs and executives participating. So when we would talk about topics around diversity and inclusion, you were hearing from a cross of different industries and the different issues that people were seeing, and the successful practices they were doing as well. I enjoyed learning that the most and having those candid conversations in a safe space. That was really great."

By taking advantage of the program, Ezeugwu was able to grow Whose Your Landlord even more and gain access to others who could help with his budding business. "Tim at one point connected me with the vice president of Comcast, so that kind of access was absolutely amazing and beneficial for our company. Even if, in the immediacy of things, you're not able to turn it into something tangible, a lot of time planting that seed with a new individual or having them hear your name or hear you speak in the future can lead to something bigger."

CEO Access is currently accepting applications for their fall program. Participation is free and open to any minority, LGBTQ or woman-owned business leaders in the Philadelphia region whose organizations meet the program criteria. Find out more details at chamberphl.com.

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Why college students take on loans they can't repay

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Students take on college debt with the best of intentions. They've been told that a college degree is a ticket to success. That they should pursue their dreams. That student debt is good debt.

But how do smart students wind up with debt they can't repay? Here are three reasons, plus ways to avoid these financial traps.

They're told it's "good debt"

In high school, students hear that they should earn a college degree to have a well-paying, successful career.

"We as a society kind of have this compulsory higher education," says Daniel T. Kirsch, author of "Sold My Soul for a Student Loan." "We're encouraging everyone to take out debt and calling it 'good debt.'"

But student debt isn't good when your degree doesn't lead to a job that earns enough to repay it.

This is the case for 36-year-old Jennifer Atkins of Jacksonville, Florida. A first-generation college student, she believed a university diploma would help her get ahead.

"I had the mentality back then that I was doing what I was supposed to do in life," says Atkins, who earned three degrees, including a master of nonprofit management in 2014.

Now, Atkins has two kids, over $100,000 in student loan debt and is unemployed. She quit her job in 2017 due to complications with her second pregnancy and hasn't found a job lucrative enough to justify paying for child care.

Avoid this trap: Limit borrowing so that future monthly payments don't consume over 10 percent of take-home pay. By that standard, someone expecting to earn $50,000 a year could afford a monthly payment of about $279, according to NerdWallet's student loan affordability calculator. At the current undergraduate federal student loan interest rate of 5.05 percent, that payment would support college debt of about $26,000.

The loans don't feel real

Some students are willing to take on large amounts of college debt because they don't connect with the reality that they'll eventually have to repay it with interest. This aligns with what behavioral economists call "present bias," the idea that people often make choices that benefit them in the short term and overlook future consequences.

Atkins remembers accepting student loans in small increments throughout 10 years of higher education — $3,000 here, $5,000 there. She worked throughout school, but the loans were crucial to making ends meet.

"None of it was real to me back then," Atkins says. "I had no problem clicking 'accept' on those student loans."

In hindsight, Atkins says she wishes she had had a mandatory career-counseling session to walk her through the numbers and understand her debt in the context of her future earnings and expenses.

Such counseling may have helped. Imagining our future selves can help us overcome present bias, says Jeff Kreisler, co-author of the behavioral economics book, "Dollars and Sense."

"If you make the future more specific, then you can connect to it," he says.

Avoid this trap: Do the math as you go. Every dollar you borrow will have to be repaid with interest. But you can choose to borrow less than you're offered. It may be tempting to accept the full amount, but you'll have a lower monthly payment in the future if you borrow only enough to cover tuition and basic living costs.

They lack information

In many cases, students lack the financial education needed to make borrowing decisions.

Susan Dawson, 47, who has a Ph.D. in history and works as a historian for a federal agency, can afford her student loan payments thanks to a second job teaching online classes and a federal repayment plan that caps her monthly payments at a percentage of her income. But she says if she had known the earning potential in her field, she would have chosen a different career.

"I feel stupid because I did not know what questions to ask," says Dawson, who has a six-figure student loan balance, and lives and works in Washington, D.C.

Avoid this trap: Check the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook to research wages and education requirements for various fields. Use a student loan calculator to estimate future monthly payments. Interest accrues while you're in school — unless you have subsidized loans — but you can pay the interest during school to keep your balance from ballooning.

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Breaking down all 5 Eagles draft picks

The Eagles addressed some key needs at the 2019 NFL Draft over the weekend.

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Washington State tackle Andre Dillard is selected with the 22nd pick by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft. GETTY IMAGES

ANDRE DILLARD, DT
Round 1, Pick 22

The Eagles traded three spots up to get the Washington State offensive lineman, whom they had rated quite highly on their draft boards.

"Our evaluation was that this was the best tackle in the draft, so usually those guys go in the top 10. That's how we had them rated," Eagles GM Howie Roseman said, per NBC Sports Philadelphia. "When he started to fall, we saw an opportunity to get a top 10 player and when you have a top 10 player at an important position, it doesn't matter about the depth on our team.

"We're trying to load up on the lines. We've talked a lot about that with you guys and that's how we roll," he continued. "This is not a normal guy. This is not a normal athlete."

As a left tackle, Dillard might not see a ton of playing time during his rookie season considering the Eagles brought back veteran All-Pro Jason Peters for another season. However, he provides an insurance policy for Philadelphia for 2019.

While Peters appeared in every single game in 2018, the 37-year-old was on the field during 80 percent of all offensive snaps. Dillard can slot in for Peters when he's pulled off the field, thus acclimating him to the NFL in a methodical fashion.

MILES SANDERS, RB
Round 2, Pick 53

The selection of the Penn State rusher further confirmed that the Eagles don't believe that the newly-acquired Jordan Howard is capable of carrying the team's ground attack by his lonesome.

Sanders filled in well for Saquon Barkley at Penn State, accruing 1,274 yards on 5.8 yards per rush with nine touchdowns in 13 games while at Happy Valley.

That kind of talent provides the promise of an explosive platoon between Howard and Sanders in the Eagles' backfield. Add in Corey Clement as a third option and Philadelphia's running game looks to be in much better shape compared to last year.

"Miles was a staff favorite. A coaching staff favorite. A personnel staff favorite. A front-office favorite. He reminded us of some other players we've had around here," Roseman said, per Paul Domowitch of Philly.com.

"This is a guy — we got together two weeks ago as a staff and put together some hypotheticals. We joked about Miles falling to us like he did today. I went to [running backs] coach [Duce] Staley's office and I said, 'Let's get some good karma. Maybe Miles will fall.'"

JJ ARCEGA-WHITESIDE, WR
Round 2, Pick 57

Arcega-Whiteside is a big receiver at 6 feet 2 inches and 225 pounds, which should add a vital red-zone threat alongside tight end Zach Ertz for Carson Wentz.

The Stanford product brings a different style to the Eagles' wide-receiving corps of Alshon Jeffery, DeSean Jackson, and Nelson Agholor. Arcega-Whiteside is not a burner, meaning he doesn't have the speed to separate himself from opposing defenders.

His size, though, makes him a menace on the outside as he'll be able to outjump and outmuscle the coverage.

"This guy's a baller," Roseman said, according to NBCSP. "He's got a very good skill set and I think when our fans get to know him, they are going to be really proud. He symbolizes Eagle mentality, Eagle football."

SHAREEF MILLER, DE
Round 4, Pick 138

Miller is not slated to become a starter anytime soon considering the Eagles have Brandon Graham, Derek Barnett, and Vinny Curry ahead of him on the depth chart.

But being drafted by the Eagles ensures Miller, a Philadelphia native, stays home. He accrued 12.5 sacks with 26 tackles for a loss over the past two seasons at Penn State.

CLAYTON THORSON, QB
Round 5, Pick 165

Thorson will be added to the mix behind Carson Wentz as he'll compete for a spot on the QB depth chart alongside Nate Sudfeld and Luis Perez.

There is a notion, however, that Thorson could be one of the steals of the draft. The Northwestern product finished with the Big Ten class's third-highest adjusted completion percentage last season behind Dwayne Haskins and David Blough, per Pro Football Focus.

He also will be placed under the tutelage of Doug Pederson, who has shown his ability to get the most out of his quarterbacks.

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Betting on strong Sixers in Game 2

Bettors should expect a different Philly team tonight.

MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

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Game 2 of the Sixers–Raptors series tonight is a tremendous betting game.

A great place to find money during the betting year is the NBA playoffs, when two strong teams face one another. You are almost guaranteed a "response game" from a good team.

Most would still consider the Sixers a "good team," and despite their clunker in Game 1 up North, we can expect a strong effort in response. Maybe that comes tonight. Maybe it comes in Game 3 at Wells Fargo on Thursday. But make no mistake, there will be a response from Joel Embiid and company.

Embiid himself has been up and down against the Raptors and in his brief NBA playoff history. He had a 14-point outing against the Raps in December but followed that up with a strong home effort against Toronto in mid-January, pumping in 34 points.

In the postseason last year against Boston, Embiid's worst individual performance was a 15-point affair in Game 4. In the next game, Embiid scored 27 points.

In other words, Embiid responds well after a poor performance. Look for the Sixers to at least keep things much closer tonight in Game 2.

Here's a look at FanDuel's updated moneyline info on Sixers–Raptors Game 2:

Sixers (+225) at Raptors (-280)
A $100 bet on the Sixers to either win tonight's game outright or lose by seven points or fewer (the spread is -6.5 points in favor of Toronto) would return $325.

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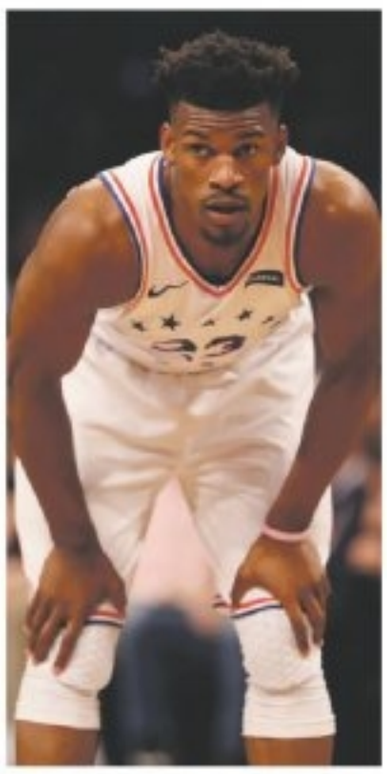

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Philadelphia 76ers vs. Toronto Raptors

The Sixers have posted a 10-5 record to the Over in their last 15 games where they faced a team with a winning record and they have gone an excellent 11-6 to the Over in their last 17 games versus a team from the Eastern Conference. The Raptors have been an Over team as well in the spot they are in here tonight as they have gone up and over the number in nine of their last 12 second-round playoff games and they have gone an impressive 10-4 to the Over in their last 13 games where they were playing with one day of rest. We expect both teams to try to push the pace a bit in Toronto on Monday night.

THE PICK: Over 220.5

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How to bet on baseball

Betting on baseball continues to grow quickly and is expected to be a $1.5 billion regulated betting market for the 2019 season. The main reason why betting on baseball is becoming popular is the vast frequency of regular-season games (2,430 in MLB vs. 256 in the NFL).

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Taking a glance at NFL Week 1 lines

Anthony Gargano with an early, early look at the 2019 NFL season.

ANTHONY GARGANO

Anthony Gargano is a sports radio host on @97.5TheFanatic in Philadelphia and on FOX Sports Radio.

It's the NFL — it's never too early to delve into the matchups. Here are Week 1 lines.

EAGLES -8 vs. REDSKINS
I can see this number soaring by September, when the world wakes up to Washington's roster. A rookie at quarterback (Dwayne Haskins), a dearth of skill folks, led by old man Adrian Peterson and fragile tight end Jordan Reed. Even if Derrius Guice returns from missing his entire rookie season and one of the young receivers miraculously blossoms and the defense doesn't break, we're still looking at a five- to six-win team, tops.

By kickoff, the Eagles could be laying double digits. The biggest risk with this investment is the health of Carson Wentz. While he hasn't been cleared yet, we're still five months out. Imagine if he's back and back to his old self in the preseason? That spread could be 13 — and you got it at the equivalent of buying a gallon of gas for a dollar.

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Either way, the Eagles have illustrated they are going for it with the addition of some new skill people, bolstering the defensive line and secondary.

ADVICE: Play Eagles

BEARS -4 vs. PACKERS
Aaron Rogers can finally relax now that Mike McCarthy is gone. Expect a Packer resurgence — but is their defense good enough?

ADVICE: Like the Packers, but no advantage in April with the number.

JETS -3.5 vs. BILLS
The future of the AFC East plays in this one. Everyone loves the Jets with Le'Veon and Sam but I'll take the Bills to dethrone the Patriots (next year).

ADVICE: I love the Bills and would take Buffalo in this game. My only reservation is reading the line. I think you might be able to do better in September with NY money in a lather.

PATRIOTS -6.5 vs. STEELERS
This year's opponent: No Gronk, and again, Time. At some point, Time beats Tom, but I won't dare say now. You know the old saying about spitting into the wind. That said, no Bell and no Brown will have the Steelers at bargain prices. Newsflash: They don't need those two.

ADVICE: Give me Pittsburgh ... and remember the Patriots usually start sluggish.

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NBA playoffs Monday betting previews

NBA postseason action continues on Monday night with a pair of semi-final contests. MetroBet breaks them down.

Sixers at Raptors
Moneyline: Sixers +225, Raptors -280
Betting Total: 220.5 points
The Raptors, in particular small forward Kawhi Leonard, shot the lights out in Game 1 on Saturday. Leonard, who registered 45 points on 16-of-23 shooting, took part in a run of 13 straight field goals drained by Toronto in the first quarter, a franchise record (per ESPN).

Raptors power forward Pascal Siakam also proved unstoppable at times in Game 1, knocking down 12 of 15 field goals en route to a 29-point outing.

Minor adjustments may not be enough, as Philly is just 2-8 in its last 10 games against Toronto and has failed to cover in five straight contests at Scotiabank Arena.

Trail Blazers at Nuggets
Moneyline: Trail Blazers +140, Nuggets -160
Betting Total: 216.5 points
Denver center Nikola Jokic is arguably the best player in the league at his position, averaging over 20 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists in the regular season. He recorded a double-double in all but one game of his quarterfinal series. Jokic will be matched up against scrap-heap pickup Enes Kanter, which spells trouble for Portland.

The Nuggets were a force to be reckoned with at the Pepsi Center this year, going 37-8 straight-up (27-18 against the spread).

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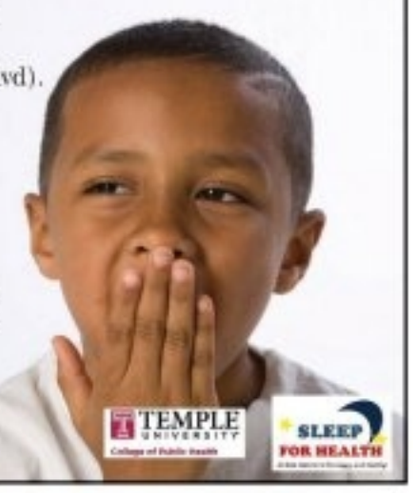

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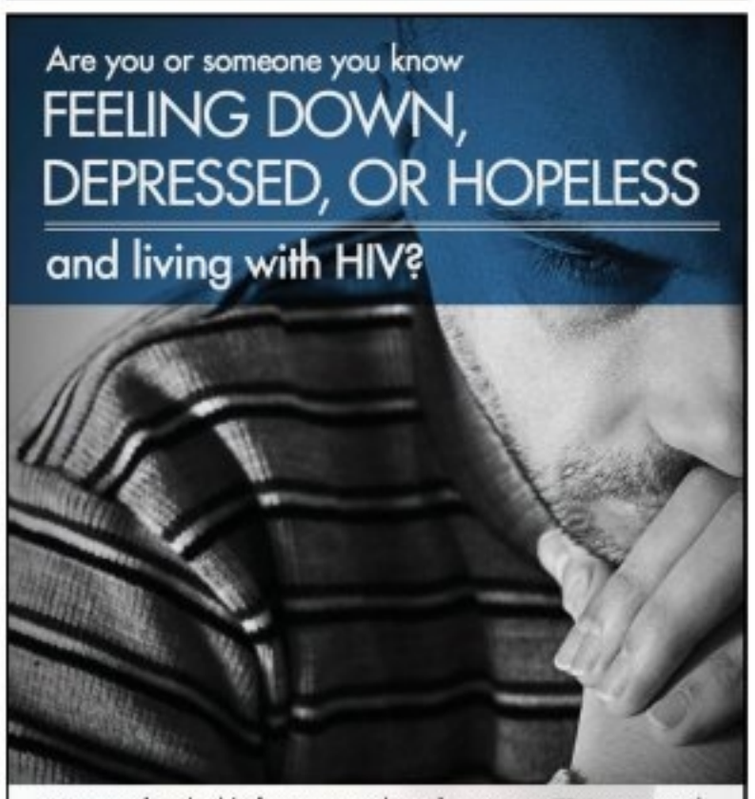

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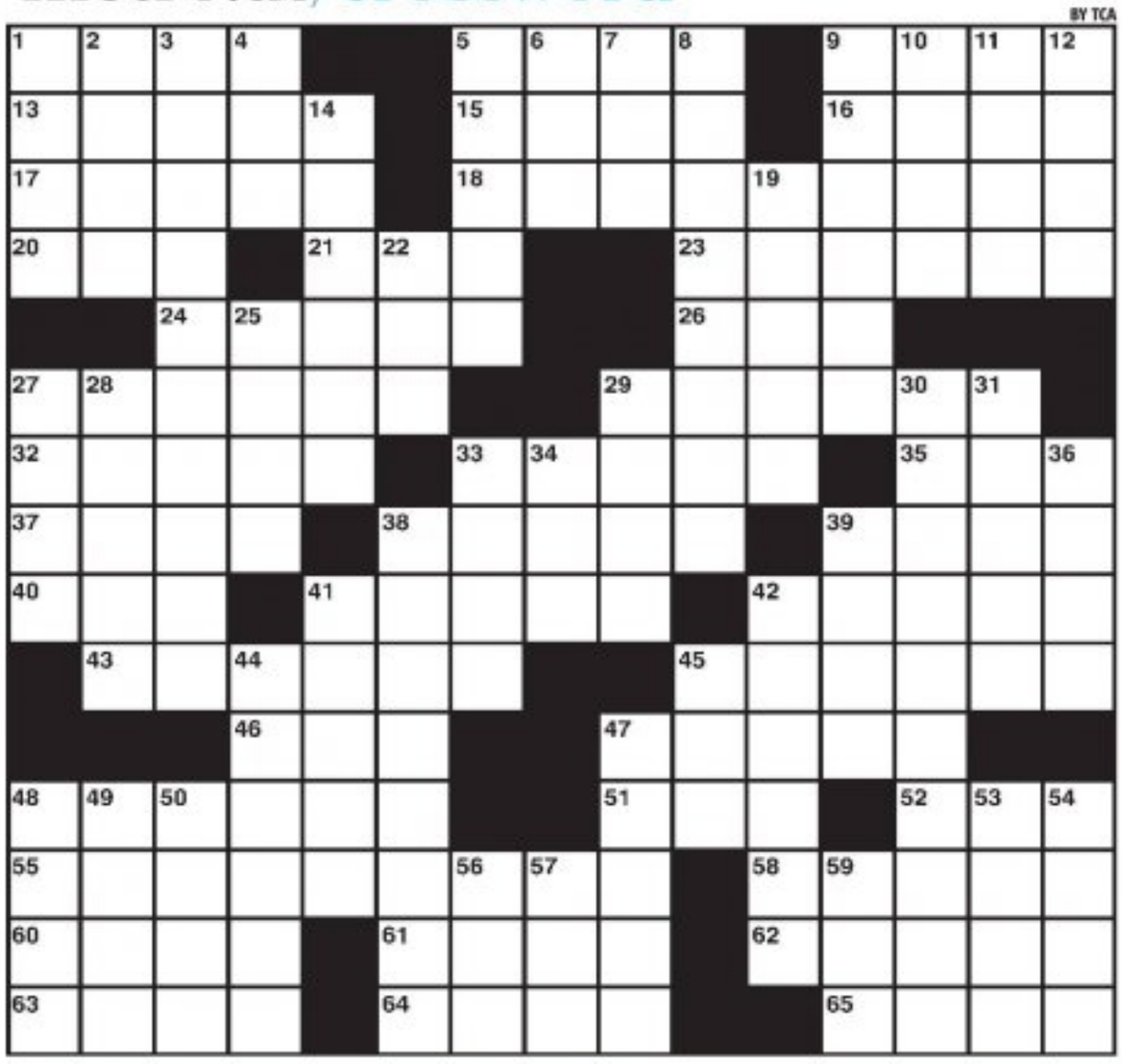

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1 Snow toy
5 Sty supper
9 Decelerate
13 Couples
15 Excursion
16 Sheltered bay
17 Beginning
18 Wasted away from disuse
20 20th letter
21 Up in the __; unresolved
23 Ford and Close
24 Manicurist's focus
26 Crash into
27 Spinning rapidly
29 Smoke and mirrors
32 __ one's heels; waits
33 TV's "__ Line Is It Anyway?"
35 Cow's comment
37 Drags along behind
38 Becomes dizzy
39 Extend across
40 Espy
41 Razz
42 Baggy
43 Place for socks & undies
45 Cuts of beef
46 Animal enclosure
47 Perils
48 Floor covering
51 __ and downs; good and bad times
52 Marriage words
55 Still the same
58 Receded
60 Use a drill
61 __ up on; study about
62 Dinner course
63 Sharp tools
64 Agile
65 Female birds

DOWN

1 Speck
2 Path
3 20th-century U.S. president
4 Rap's Dr. __
5 State symbols on our flag
6 "A __ Like Love"; Amanda Peet film
7 "__ Father, Who art in heaven..."
8 Make __; gain ground
9 Plot craftily
10 Cut of pork
11 Hotpoint appliance
12 Ties the knot
14 Elevator alternative
19 Come in second
22 "__ Be Home for Christmas"
25 Feels miserable
27 __ up; misbehaves
28 Courted
29 Pineapple brand
30 Not doable
31 Breakfast bread
33 __ out; become dilapidated
34 "__ So Fine"; 1960s song
36 Dollar bills
38 Goes in again
39 __ up; absorb
41 Twitter post
42 Team defeats
44 Washington State exports
45 Tear
47 Not at all pale
48 Havana's land
49 As strong as __
50 Seldom seen
53 Martin or Cain
54 Likelihood
56 Elected official: abbr.
57 Vestibular nerve's location
59 "__! Humbug!"

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